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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Masakuni EZUMI, et al.  
Application No.: 10/054,852  
Filed: January 25, 2002  
For: FRICTION STIR WELDING METHOD AND HOLLOW SHAPE  
MEMBER FOR FRICTION STIR WELDING  
Art Unit: 1725  
Examiner: L. R. Edmondson

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 3, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2003, please amend the  
above-identified application as listed in the following, and as set forth on the  
following pages:

Amendments to the claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.